

# **EXHIBIT 1**

## **Chain of Title of U.S. Patent 4,818,816**

1. Assignment from the inventors Maurice Petitou, Jean-Claude Jacquinet, Pierre Sinay, Jean Choay, Jean-Claude Lormeau, and Mahmoud Nassr, to Choay, S.A. recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 4954 Frame 0925 and Reel 5031 Frame 0859.
2. Merger of Choay, S.A. into Sanofi S.A. recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 011641 Frame 0937-0942.
3. Merger of Sanofi S.A. into Sanofi-Synthelabo recorded at Reel 011641 Frame 0949-0961.
4. Assignment from Sanofi-Synthelabo to DROPIC recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 011641 Frame 0547-0549.
5. Assignment from DROPIC to Sanofi-Synthelabo, a copy of which is attached hereto.

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, SOCIETE CIVILE DE GESTION DE DROITS DE PROPRIETE INDUSTRIELLE CHOAY "DROPIC", of 36 rue des Sablons, 75116, Paris France, a "société civile", is the sole and exclusive owner, by assignment, of the Letters Patent of the United States of America No. 4,818,816, issued on April 4, 1989,

WHEREAS, SANOFI-SYNTHELABO of 174, Avenue de France, 75013 Paris, France, a company organized and existing under the laws of the Country of France (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said Letters Patent,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, SOCIETE CIVILE DE GESTION DE DROITS DE PROPRIETE INDUSTRIELLE CHOAY "DROPIC" by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest for the territory of the United States of America, in and to the aforesaid Letters Patent and the invention described therein, and any reissue or reissues of said Letters Patent to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent have been granted or reissues may be granted, said invention and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the ASSIGNEE, and for the use and behoof of said ASSIGNEE, and for the use and behoof of their successors, assigns or other legal representatives, and for claims for damage by

reasons of infringement past and present, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this Assignment and sale not been made.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, SOCIETE CIVILE DE GESTION DE DROITS DE PROPRIETE INDUSTRIELLE CHOAY "DROPIC" has caused these presents to be signed by its officer thereunto duly authorized.

SOCIETE CIVILE DE GESTION DE  
DROITS DE PROPRIETE  
INDUSTRIELLE CHOAY "DROPIC"

Date: January 15, 2002

By: [Signature]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Willaine  
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